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Exciting New Tours

I can't recall a time when we've been more excited about our upcoming trips and new destinations. The tour leaders and I have been focused on planning the 2013 & 2014 schedule and we're anxious to share it with you. Here are some of the highlights:

- We've added a [*United Kingdom Tour*](#) for 2013, beginning and ending in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- We've "spiced up" our tour of the [*Pyrenees*](#) for 2013 by partnering with Motomarathon to feature the organization's first ever international event, through Spain, France and Andorra.
- We've added an additional [*Alaska/Yukon Adventure*](#) to our calendar for 2013, as the regularly scheduled trip is nearly fully-booked.
- For 2014, we're introducing a European "trilogy" - [*Munich to Istanbul, Tour of Turkey, and Istanbul to Munich*](#).
- Also for 2014, we're adding [*Heart of Africa*](#), a new Adventure that includes Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.
- Our [*Ushuaia and Antarctica Adventure*](#) beginning in January 2013 has had a wait list for some time. Several riders have expressed continued interest in the trip, so we've decided to offer it again in 2014.
- In response to increasing interest in off-road tours, we've added two additional Africa trips for 2013: our [*Namibian RawHyde Adventure*](#), and an [*Africa Off-Road Adventure*](#). We've also added an additional South American off-road offering, [*Los Andes Misteriosos*](#).



The dates for these new tours are already on our web site. We'll be adding detailed descriptions soon. I hope we've provided enough information for you to put us on your calendar.

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A New "Twist" in the Pyrenees

Riding the Pyrenees with Motomarathon

Several months ago I discovered a very interesting motorcycling organization - [Motomarathon](#). This group of dedicated motorcycling enthusiasts love twisty roads and mountain passes, coupled with sightseeing, a leisurely lunch and the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts over a nice dinner and comfortable digs at the end of the riding day.

For the last several years, Motomarathon Association has offered rides in some of the most stunning motorcycling areas of the United States, from the Coastal Ranges in the Northwest, to the Rocky Mountains, to the Tail of the Dragon in the Southeast to the great mountain areas of the Northeast. The rides are typically four-day events that feature optional bonus checkpoints which add to the interest of the ride and which enhance rider "standings" with the association. The events are not competitions but are enjoyable vacations that provide riders the opportunity to do the type of riding they enjoy most with like-minded enthusiasts.



Our specially modified [Pyrenees Adventure](#) is a 12-day tour that will incorporate bonus checkpoints into several of the trip's riding days. Offered in conjunction with Motomarathon, this will be the association's first international event. The Adventure begins and ends in Barcelona, Spain and traverses the Pyrenees of northern Spain from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic, with dips into France and Andorra. Riders will experience some of the best motorcycle roads in the world, rising above ancient alluvial plains, riding village-to-village. Two rest days in Pamplona and Santillana del Mar highlight historic sites, local culture and cuisine. With a comfortable support vehicle to carry luggage (or the occasional non-rider) this vacation is great for couples as well.

The Adventure features great mountain riding but, unlike many areas in the Alps, there will be almost no traffic. You'll enjoy the full range of road conditions, from tight and tiny mountain roads to high-speed sweepers. With a loop into France and Andorra, you'll experience three different countries on the tour. We expect to see experienced "Motomarathoners" on this exciting trip, but it's open to all experienced riders who would like to join in and ride the stunning roads of the Pyrenees.

Our European Trilogy

New for 2014 - Munich to Istanbul



Many of our customers prefer trips lasting three or four weeks - or longer. Others have difficulty getting away for more than a few weeks at a time. That's why we offer several opportunities for riders to book a single trip or to book two or more trips "back-to-back". Our new [European Trilogy](#) for 2014 allows riders to travel from Munich to Istanbul via Greece and the Mediterranean coast, to travel from Istanbul to Munich via Bulgaria and Romania, or to do our Turkey tour (Istanbul to Istanbul). Riders wishing to do two tours can opt for Turkey and one of the trips between Munich and Istanbul. Riders with more time available can opt for all three tours - with no repetition.

It's going to be a tough decision, so start thinking about it. [Munich to Istanbul](#) along the northern Adriatic coast with ten different countries (Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania, Greece, Turkey)? Or a seven country tour from [Istanbul to Munich](#) (Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany)? Decisions, decisions!

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New African Tours

Heart of Africa

By the time you receive this Waypoints Bulletin, Barb and I will be relaxing over dinner and a glass of wine aboard our flight to Cape Town, where we'll be hosting the [Southern Cross Adventure](#), and will kick off the [Call of the Wild](#). Now that I've got the 2013/2014 schedule posted, I look forward to unwinding in a warm bath in a luxury safari tent after a long day in the bush.



Africa is one of our most popular destinations - we already offer more tours there than any other motorcycle tour company. In addition to the popular African Trilogy ([Southern Cross](#), [Call of the Wild](#),

and [Namibian Splendors](#)) and our treks between Cape Town and Nairobi, we're including our [African Panorama Club Tour](#) as a regular addition to our lineup in 2013. We're also adding an [Africa Off-Road Adventure](#) for our gravel and dirt riding friends. Many of our customers have lamented the fact that they would love to experience a gorilla trek but cannot get away for our relatively long [Into Africa](#) and [Out of Africa](#) Adventures, so for 2014, we're adding [Heart of Africa](#). This 14-day Adventure begins and ends in Nairobi and includes the incredible gorilla safari in Rwanda and Uganda.



With our own resident African tour leaders and more than ten years of experience leading tours in Africa, we can honestly say, "No one does Africa like Ayres Adventures". Why not have a look at our new schedule and consider adding this exciting destination to your travel plans.

Rob House - Tour Leader and Photographer "par excellence"

African Tour Leader "In the News"

Rob House is one of our two resident South African tour leaders. Prior to joining Ayres Adventures, Rob was art director for *Getaway Magazine* - South Africa's premier African travel magazine. The magazine recently published an interview with Rob after he completed more than 17,000 kilometers during the two months he helped lead our [Into Africa](#) and [Out of Africa](#) Adventures. [Into Africa](#) is the only African motorcycle tour that incorporates a gorilla safari in Rwanda and Uganda, as well as a two-night stay on the "spice island" of Zanzibar. This Adventure has been so popular that we're offering it twice in



2013 - once from Cape Town to Nairobi and again in the opposite direction. Cape Town to Nairobi is almost fully-booked, but we have several spaces available on the Nairobi to Cape Town trip.



Rob is not only an experienced tour leader, but is an accomplished photographer as well. You can see the interview, as well as

examples of his stunning photography, on the [Getaway Blog](#).

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